

PROSPER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



“Board Briefs”

*Regular School Board Meeting held on
Monday, December 12, 2016*

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – QUORUM PRESENT

OPEN FORUM/PRESENTATIONS

- Attendance – 39 (representatives from all over the district)
- Presentation was made to Bethany Schroeder for acknowledgment in the National Hispanic Recognition Program under the College Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes were approved from

- November 14, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting
- Enrollment Update – PISD enrollment stands at 10,058, which is 1,596 more students than this time last year.
- Monthly Reports – status updates on HR, Curriculum & Instruction, Safety & Security, Transportation, Athletics, and Technology.

EDUCATION

- The Board approved the Ed-Flex Waiver providing the flexibility with Title I funding for Hughes Elementary.
- The Board approved a resolution of legislative priorities recommended by the Region X Educational Service Center which focused on:
 - Opposition to the new A-F Accountability System as currently proposed by TEA which determines rankings solely on a once a year STAAR/EOC assessment that has proven to be defective. Region X supports a more comprehensive accountability system.
 - Opposition to a state voucher plan diverting public tax dollars to private and/or homeschool entities and allowing students to choose where to attend schools without regard to boundaries.
 - Increase of the basic allotment for funding for all school districts AND opposition to the decrease of state funding when local property values increase as is the current law.

BUSINESS

- The Board approved the Financial/Investment/Tax Reports for November, 2016 as prepared by Mr. Rusty Craig and the Collin County Tax Office. As of the end of November, we had approximately \$113.2 million (approximately \$61.2 million of which is general fund with the rest dedicated to construction/capital and/or I&S). We have realized nearly 21.9% (30.5%) of our projected revenue for Fund 199. We have expended 26.2% of 199 compared to 26.4% last year. District financial reports can be viewed in their entirety on the PISD website.
- We had no amendments this month.
- The Board approved the 2015-2016 annual audit, which reflected all funds have a positive balance and strong management controls are in place. The audit will now be submitted to TEA for final approval.
- The Board approved the Town of Prosper's request for a variance to the 300-ft. distance requirement regarding the sale of beer and wine pertaining to a new grocery store south of Rogers Middle School.
- The Board conducted its annual public hearing pertaining to FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) – PISD earned a perfect score to earn the highest possible rating.
- The Board approved certain technology purchases that were pre-authorized in the adopted budget addressing replacement schedules and upgrades on all campuses – first priority is to significantly improve bandwidth throughout the district.
- The Board adopted an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds, Establishing the Parameters for the Bonds and Delegating Authority to the Administration to Complete the Sale of Bonds that was vetted by the board finance subcommittee. This will address capital projects such as Elementary #8 (possibly #9), Middle School #3, High School #2, Athletic Stadium, and Natatorium along with the purchase of future school sites, associated technology and equipment, and school buses.
- The Board continued discussion regarding school sites and upcoming projects. The District continues to work with developers throughout PISD in an effort to acquire elementary, middle, and high school sites. The Superintendent was authorized to finalize the purchase of a future HS site located in the eastern quadrant of the school district.

PERSONNEL

- The Board approved the new hires recommended by the Superintendent.
- The Board approved the resignations accepted by the Superintendent.
- The status of the PISD Board training requirements was announced as is required by law.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- January, 2017 School Board Appreciation Month
- January 3, 2017 Students RETURN TO SCHOOL
- January 16, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting (NOTE: this meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30PM preceded by a reception honoring the school board at 6:00)

ADJOURNMENT

- Regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:53 PM.

